

**Domestic Violence Coordinating Council  
Training Committee  
December 4, 2017, 2:00 PM**

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**Committee Members Present:** Ellie Torres (Designee Chair), Cara Sawyer (VCAP), Eric Stephenson (Family Court) and Jennifer Oppel (SAFE of People's Place).

**DVCC Staff:** Aimee String, Natasha Smith, Maureen Monagle

**Public Attendees:** No public present

- I. Introductions
  - a. All those participating introduced themselves and the agencies/groups they represent.
- II. Old Business
  - a. Law Enforcement Training
    - i. 156 people attend the conference held at Polytech Adult Education Center in Woodside, DE. The conference received very positive feedback. At least 80% of those in attendance were from law enforcement (includes Department of Justice and Probation and Parole.
    - ii. Suggestions for future topics:
      - 1. More information from survivors. This carried a huge impact with those in attendance at this year's conference.
      - 2. Vicarious trauma
      - 3. Training about working with victims of DV who do not want to press charges.
      - 4. Interview techniques
  - b. Gabby Davis will provide training to Commissioners on April 11<sup>th</sup> and Judges on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be full day trainings.
  - c. Emerge Training:
    - i. The two day Emerge Training held at Delaware Technical and Community College was well attended and received positive feedback. Approximately 100 individual attended on day 1 and 200 on day two.
- III. New Business
  - a. Future Planning
    - i. In order to address future needs and goals, a survey was conducted by the DVCC to assess training needs. Results from the survey were shared with committee. Some notable results include:
      - 1. Participants were asked "How do prefer to receive training?".

- a. 92% prefer in person training, 5% prefer Self-paced web training and 3% prefer live web-based training (webinar).
- 2. Participants were asked “What is the most important when deciding whether or not to attend a training event?”. Participants ranked the choices from 1-7.
  - a. From highest consideration to lowest the consideration:
    - i. Subject matter
    - ii. Cost
    - iii. Location
    - iv. Length of training
    - v. Day of the week
    - vi. Availability of staff to cover absence from office or shift
    - vii. Continuing education credits
- 3. Participants were asked to identify training needs. Many training needs were identified but the top 5 responses were:
  - a. Impact of Domestic Violence on Children
  - b. Women’s use of violence in intimate relationships
  - c. Stalking
  - d. Identifying/Determining Predominant Aggressor
  - e. Strangulation
- IV. Public Comment
  - a. No members of the public were present.
- V. Future Meeting
  - i. TBD